

'We Seven' Is the Story Of Astronauts

Among the thousands of new books that will be placed on the shelves of libraries during February, one is sure to be a hit. The book, "We Seven" is the story of America's first seven Astronauts — written by themselves. It was published in November and copies are on the shelves of the Torrance Public Library.

"We Seven" was the Literary Guild December selection.

Published by Simon and Schuster, "We Seven" begins with John Glenn's account of the re-entry phase of Friendship 7, the first American capsule to circle the globe with a human passenger. The account backtracks from there and each of the seven Astronauts wrote two or more sections of the 12 chapters of the 345 page book.



THE TORRANCE PLANT of the Aerospace division of Vickers, Inc., developed test specifications, equipment and operations that enabled Vickers to help Martin Co. achieve a \$40 million cost reduction on the Ti-

tan missile. A. L. Stone, marketing manager of Aerospace, is shown at right receiving an award from I. Nevin Palley, director of technical operations for Martin's Denver plant, in recognition of the Torrance achievement.

EDISON TO SPEND \$1.25 MILLION FOR PROGRESS AT TORRANCE IN 1963

One of the vital building blocks that has made Torrance's continuing fabulous growth and progress possible has been an abundance of low-cost electric energy.

Southern California Edison Co. has been building its electrical system at a record rate for the past decade.

In the past 10 years, the electric company's gross construction expenditures have exceeded a billion dollars, and there is no let up in sight, according to L. E. Jenkins, Edison's district manager.

He pointed out that Edison plans to spend nearly \$1.25 million dollars on substations in Torrance, alone, during 1963.

Largest expenditure will be approximately \$733,000 for work at the El Nido substation. Installation of electrical distribution equipment will be started at the site of Torrance substation, Madrona St., near Carson, Jenkins said. Cost of this 1963 work is estimated at \$481,000.

Edison also is adding to its nearby El Segundo steam-electric generating station. Two new generating units are under construction there now.

The investor-owned company also announced plans for construction of a 395,000 kilowatt nuclear generating plant, located within the U.S. Marines' Camp Pendleton Military reservation, about five miles south of San Clemente.

To cost approximately \$82 million, it will be twice as large as any U.S. nuclear power generating unit now

in existence, and the second the Edison system. The local company has been operating an experimental nuclear plant at Santa Susana since 1957. It produced the first commercial power from a non-military reactor in the nation.

Residents and businesses in the Torrance district recently were transferred to Edison's electronic customer billing. Customer service bills are now automatically computed, printed and mailed from one ultra-modern facility.

Edison is doing more than expanding its system facilities and streamlining its op-

nuclear-powered plant in operations to match growth here, Jenkins declared.

"To keep our economy in balance so that this growth and progress can continue in the future, we recognize the need for new job-making industries."

The local district manager said the electric company has been expanding its Area Development department, a group of experts who work with community and civic leaders in bringing new industries to the area.

Members of this department have worked closely with Torrance civic and Chamber of Commerce officials in helping build and constantly improve the "business climate," which is necessary in the increasingly-competitive field of industrial development.

Torrance Family 'Wise Home Buyers,' Says Award-Winning Home Developer

"A family on its way up" is the fitting description given to the Tom Spradling family of Torrance when they recently purchased their third new home within a span of seven years.

Moving only by choice and always into a newer and more spacious home, the Spradlings are unique in that they have purchased each of these three new homes from the same builder-developer — the R. A. Watt Construction Co.

It all began in 1956 when Tom and Lois Spradling met with Watt salesman Phil Walsh to talk about buying a new Sun Ray Estates home on W. 186th St. After working out all the details with Walsh for the three bedroom home, the Spradlings moved in. Then disaster hit. The escrow arrangements on their previous house hit a snag and

they found themselves in temporary financial trouble. During this crucial time, Walsh went to bat for the Spradlings and was successful in arranging special terms for a rental agreement until their escrow was completed. This agreement saved the house and made the Spradlings staunch supporters of the Ray Watt organization.

During this same period Tom was opening his Flying "A" service station at Sepulveda and Crenshaw Blvds. As time passed and his business prospered, Tom began discussing the merits of moving to a larger home nearer his station.

So, in 1960, Tom and Lois with their daughter, Carol, started looking at the new Watt-developed Sun Ray Estates.

There they met Gene Fuller, Sun Ray salesman who

also turned out to be a good customer of Tom's station. After discussing the new area and having selected the house they wanted, the Spradlings put their first Sun Ray home up for sale.

Within a very short time they had sold their house and made more than enough profit to make a substantial down payment on the new Sun Ray home at 22621 Fern Ave., a few blocks west of Tom's service station on Sepulveda.

With Fuller competently making all the necessary arrangements, the Spradlings smoothly moved into their new three bedroom, two bath home with family room.

They soon realized that not only had Fuller become a good personal friend but he also was a Sun Ray resident and neighbor, living only a block away.

One evening while discuss-

ing the future and the family's growing needs with their friends Walsh and Fuller, the name Palo del Amo was mentioned. Both Walsh and Fuller suggested that they stop by and see the new Watt split-level home development which was just minutes away from their present location.

They soon visited Palo del Amo and were greeted by Sales Representative Rudy Grieshaber. After looking over the award-winning models and viewing the choice lot locations they made up their minds—"It's time to move."

Once again they put their Sun Ray home up for sale and within a matter of a few days they had sold it for a very gratifying profit. After only two years they had financially gained more than enough to qualify for the newer and larger Palo del Amo home.

Soon they will move into their new Palo del Amo home but this is not the end; merely the beginning for the Spradlings—"A family moving up."



GATHERING AROUND their "ginuea pig," members of the Red Cross First Aid class prepare to lift the "injured" woman to a waiting stretcher. The class is held Fridays, 7 to 9 p.m., at the First Baptist Church of Torrance,

2118 Carson St. Moving an injured person must be done very carefully. The advanced class is taught by Alan Quignon. Various first aid techniques first are discussed, then practiced under supervision. —PRESS photo



#1 In 1956 Phil Walsh (C) was the salesman who helped the Spradlings move into their new Sun Ray Estates home at 3721 West 186th Street. Today, Walsh is Director of Sales for the entire Ray Watt organization and still a close personal friend of the Spradlings. Due to problems involved in selling their previous house, Tom and Lois had a temporary financial problem when Tom was given the opportunity to open his new service station. With the help of Walsh and the Watt Company they were able to make special arrangements to move in right away. This was the beginning of the friendly association of the Ray Watt organization and the Spradling family.



Tom Spradling and his wife, Lois, are both native Southern Californians and have lived most of their lives in the Torrance area. Operator of Tom's Flying "A" service station at Sepulveda and Crenshaw Blvds., for the past five years, Spradling worked for the Tidewater Oil Company for 21 years.



#2 Discussing their anticipated move from their present home at 22621 Fern Ave. in Torrance, Tom and Lois chat with neighbor and Watt representative Gene Fuller (L). Being both a customer of Tom's service station and also Tom's neighbor, Fuller is a frequent visitor to the Spradlings home. This friendship began when Fuller was a salesman for Sun Ray Estates and handled all arrangements for the Spradlings' purchase of their second Ray Watt home. Fuller is now the Director of Sales for the custom homes featured in the new Mesa Palos Verdes development, high atop the peninsula at Crenshaw Blvd. and Crest Road. Below, Tom and Lois with their daughter, Carol, talk over the many happy times they have spent together in their present home and look forward to the days ahead in their new Palo del Amo home.



12 year old Carol Spradling, a sixth grade student at nearby Nativity Catholic School, cuddles her two miniature dogs, Squirt and Pierre, as they gaze longingly at the large pool size yard that's a standard item in the new Palo del Amo "package". Jokingly, Carol said, "With these two 'monstrous' dogs we sure need a big yard."

the TOM SPRADLINGS have just purchased their THIRD RAY WATT home. Here are just a few of the reasons:

- The financing and prices of Ray Watt's homes are great and much better than the other developments we have looked at and you get a lot more house for your money. •••
- The rooms are large and livable yet are so convenient and easy to keep clean. It's a woman's dream to have all this space both inside and out and still have privacy in the extra large master bedroom area. •••
- We have made lasting friendships with all the people we have met and dealt with in the Watt organization and we have always been treated as a partner in their developments and not just another customer. They have never used high pressure or gimmicks to sell us a house. •••
- It is obvious that a Ray Watt home is built for value as we have always made a substantial profit on each Watt house we have sold. •••
- All the construction and materials are of the best quality and we have never had any problems of any kind in our Watt homes. There is plenty of cupboard space always in the right places and the built-in appliances are the best makes available. •••
- The Watt representatives always have been ready to help in any way and they have given us continuous service even after we have lived in the house for a long time. •••

R. A. WATT CONSTRUCTION CO.

16901 S. Western Ave., Gardena, California FA 1-5100 DA 3-9100 Phil Walsh, Director of Sales



#3 Checking on how things are progressing at the new Palo del Amo project, the Spradlings are given a first hand inspection tour by Rudy Grieshaber (L) sales director. Since he sold Tom and Lois their third new Ray Watt built home, Grieshaber has become a good friend, helping them with the many optional changes they can make in their new home. The four bedroom and bath Fairbrook model purchased by the Spradlings is the home selected as the ideal Balanced Power model home to be featured in the 1963 Los Angeles Home Show in June.

CURRENT NEARBY RAY WATT DEVELOPMENTS:

- PALO DEL AMO** on Sepulveda Blvd. between Crenshaw and Hawthorne Phone: DA 6-9604
- PALO DE ENCINO** on Western Ave. at Toscanini Phone: 832-9825
- MESA PALOS VERDES**, high atop the peninsula at Crenshaw Blvd. and Crest Road Phone: 377-6575
- TORRANCE KNOLLS** at Victor and Emerald in Torrance Phone: FR 1-9252